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U.S. Patent No. 4,126,996 and Japanese reference 61-37140 are cited in the specification.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
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